1 2 3 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 9 AT TACOMA 10 GORDON BROADBENT AND ALEXANDRA BROADBENT, a marital 11 community, Case No. C05-5503FDB 12 Plaintiffs, ORDER OF REMAND 13 v. 14 PUGET SOUND & PACIFIC RAILROAD d/b/a PUGET SOUND & PACIFIC 15 RAILROAD COMPANY and CATTRON-THEIMEG, INC., 16 Defendants. 17 This matter comes to the Court's attention upon Plaintiff's Response to the Court's Order To 18 Show Cause concerning the tardiness of the required Joint Status Report. 19 This cause of action was originally filed in Mason County Superior Court and was removed 20 on July 25, 2005 by Defendant Cattron-Theimeg, Inc., asserting diversity jurisdiction. On August 21 11, 2005, Defendant Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad filed its Answer asserting that its principal 22 place of business is Shelton, Mason County, Washington. Plaintiffs, also, are residents of Shelton, 23 Washington. Thus, there is not complete diversity between Plaintiffs and Defendants, as Defendant 24 Puget Sound & Pacific Railroad has its principal place of business in Shelton, Washington. 25

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This Court lacks diversity jurisdiction over this cause of action and this case must be remanded to Mason County Superior Court whence it was removed. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED: This court lacks diversity jurisdiction over this cause of action and it is hereby REMANDED to Mason County Superior Court. DATED this 23rd day of January, 2006. FRANKLIN D. BURGESS UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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